



SYCAMORE BAND AND ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS

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Micah Ewing, Supervisor of Music	Tim Graulty, 5th & 6th Grade Band Director Director - Sycamore High School Marching Band
Jimmy Blankenship – virtual – Director of Bands	

Others in attendance

Anne Berg, 2022 Craft Show Chair	
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SBOB Trustee Meeting - Monday 9-19-22

Sycamore High School, Room 2412, 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order 7:05pm
 - a. Virtual option available
2. Approve May and September Minutes
 - a. Sam moved to approve; seconded by Eric
3. Instrumental Music Department Updates (Micah Ewing & Tim Graulty & Jimmy Blankenship)
 - a. Micah
 - i. Celebrations of student accomplishments; photos and publicity coming
 1. All state band and orchestra
 2. Cinci youth orchestra & symphony
 3. Youth and Junior Wind ensembles
 - ii. Always an Aviator Campaign: Meeting needed with Beth Weber and fundraising consultant, Lisa Raterman
 1. Those interested can be involved in the meeting
 2. Want to enlist SBOB primarily to help raise funds for athletic facilities

3. Micah doesn't want to speak for or be only representative in the conversation
4. Would be nice for Always and Aviator helping the arts facilities
 - a. Past vision Doug Mader shared its goal was to move to improvements in the arts facilities; hasn't been shared out by any other people; other district representatives have shown interest in that but no commitment
 - b. Scene shop (could help with a sound shell)
5. Thursday night marching band rehearsals is planned for the future
6. Questions:
 - a. Athletic Boosters donated from their reserves. What kind of support, funding, activity are they looking for?
 - b. How far away is that phase 2 for working on the arts facilities? Will it be forgotten?
 - c. Consider our questions, funds, financial priorities, and ideas going into the meeting
 - d. Interested in meeting Carrie, Jeremy, Marika, Eric, Julie (Micah will coordinate and aim for a Monday evening video meeting)
- iii. District office support is strong. Mark Harden (athletic director) takes marching band into consideration and wants to support.

b. Tim

- i. Marching Band
 1. Football game
 - a. 8th grade night and stadium opening; marching band was awesome
 - b. 8th grade enjoyed it; positive feedback shared with Abby Hinson
 - c. HS kids enjoyed meeting band buddies
 2. Tag Day
 - a. Great support with time and effort Saturday morning
 - b. Suggestion: Hard on marching band to have a long day to start so early and then have drill and production
 3. Uniform Fitting
 4. Camp in the afternoon and evening
 5. Travel Companies for 2023 Disney trip planning has begun
 - a. Sam pointed out tour busses are drastically more expensive than past years
 - b. Looking at perspective of fall 2021 trip duplication to compare and then look at other options
 6. Competitions (questions from Sam)
 - a. Years past there were competitions
 - b. Educational direction
 - i. ratings only to a rubric like large group ensembles (i.e., concert bands)
 - ii. Current format with rubrics still allow our band to qualify for state finals
 - iii. Competing against the rubric for rating not rankings against other bands

- iv. Rating gives the band a score; we learn it and share with students, not announced at the end of the night unless a “superior” ranking
 - v. Ranking gives awards/recognition at the end of the night with other bands; not as equitable due to funding, programming differences from other districts
 - vi. Kids want to feel celebrated at the end of a performance
 - c. Item tabled to continue discussion in the future
- ii. Greene
 - 1. 160+ 6th band students
 - 2. 194 5th band students
 - a. Starting with sounds!
 - b. Sharing videos and pictures in newsletters
 - 3. Professionals coming to work with students from Master Classes
 - a. 10 classes in September
 - b. SBOB funded
 - c. Individual attention and fundamentals work
 - 4. New: Greene Pep Band
 - a. End of day Mr. Mino plays fight song on intercom
 - b. 6th graders asked if they want to do it
 - i. Small groups
 - ii. End of days Fridays play out at busses
 - iii. Great enthusiasm!
 - c. Tim and Jordan VonWahlde working on arranging
 - d. Kids designing shirts to be made for student spirit wear
 - i. Doing it through Queen City Spirit Wear or some other supplier for people to order
 - 1. Supposed to get 10% back from Queen City
 - ii. Display and sell at concerts and other events
 - iii. Have a supply on hand (similar to orchestra)
 - 1. Does startup money need to be approved?
 - 2. Preordering and pay ahead to have a bulk order and stock items
 - 3. People can volunteer to sell at concerts & take care of restocking

4. President's Update (Carrie)

a. TAG day

- i. thanks for all the different volunteers to make everything go well with various jobs, especially board members who participated
- ii. Routes & independence from Rishi Verma went well
 - 1. 60 drivers for 90 routes; covered the number of kids available
 - a. Less desirable (lower star rating) and lower funds from past years were the ones skipped
 - b. Make it clear on the sign up to communicate out how many routes are available to be filled.
 - 2. Some double routes given, but not many & some places missed
 - 3. Routes now are more evenly distributed for time; we can look at start and end times for routes compared to number of kids assigned to it

4. Micah hand assigns drivers, partners
 - a. allow for kids who might need more encouragement or may be shy, number of students in a car, etc.
 - b. Typically 80-120 houses per route
 - c. Able to collect data on how much a route collects
 - iii. Need to document how things go with the event to have a record for people to know the process when they take over and members leave. Procedures, tasks, then look at how they need to be broken down
 - iv. Compile the feedback
 - v. Debrief with the committee after the event makes sense to organize
 - vi. Micah: Timing in September is good to get fundraising out of the way and then the focus is on music
 - vii. We could incentivize it more with 8th graders
 - viii. Issue running out of doorhangers (packs of 50, not 100) given out
 - ix. Consider giving "remote" donations information to share with families to send
 - x. Have routes continue through the day to complete all routes; could just hang doorhangers rather than knocking at all
 - b. Bylaws and revisions
 - i. PTO has job descriptions for each chair and officer
 - c. Surgery coming up for Carrie, availability is uncertain. Reach out to Micah or Marika.
5. Treasurer & Comptroller Reports (Eric & Shannon)
- a. TAG Day
 - i. ~\$18,400 collected day of with cash and checks
(2021 collection ~\$19,000)
 - ii. \$6,000 through PayPal as of 4 p.m. Monday Sept 19
(2021 PayPal collection ~\$10,000)
 - iii. Income from 2021 <\$33,000
 - b. Amazon Smile & Kroger as other options to consider
 - c. To date July 1 \$20,000 out \$50,000 in
 - d. ~13-14 kids marching haven't paid fees yet
 - i. reminders have been individually sent out
 - ii. Budget for helping kids with fees is available (80% left for the year's activities)
6. Communications Update (Debbie)
- a. Social Media & Smore
 - i. Send Debbie pictures of events and things that have happened related to SBOB
 1. Supplies, the pizza, instruments
 - ii. Send ideas of things you want out from SBOB of things coming up
 1. Students recognized and celebrated
 2. From Micah's weekly info
 3. Upcoming fundraising that is coming next
 - iii. SBOB newsletter
 1. Unclear how people get it emailed to them
 2. Need a subscription to sign up
 3. Coordinate with the Micah to have a single list for sending it out

7. Old Business

- a. Craft Show (Anne Berg)
 - i. 24 people on waitlist; will be a full show; Saturday before Thanksgiving and followed by no student days Monday and Tuesday
 - 1. Communication needs to go out for:
 - a. Performance schedule so people are around
 - b. Volunteers to sign up
 - i. Student volunteers done in class
 - ii. Good mix of new vendors and old standbys
 - iii. First week of Oct. group will meet and area chairs will share and plan (Marika: food vendors, Kathy Wynkoop: raffle, Erika Mccoy: marketing, NEEDED: Decorations, Sam Chamberlain: traffic) Shadow is needed for the chair with Anne to learn the ropes!
 - iv. There's consideration to change our format in the future
 - 1. Jury vs open acceptance of vendors
 - 2. Have higher caliber art, crafts, items as well as variety
 - 3. Anyone who's already been coming to our shows would still be invited and not turned away

8. New Business

- a. Pancake Day
 - i. Sam has 2 concerns
 - 1. Batter mixer no longer used for anything other than pancake day
 - 2. Lines too long for pancakes
- b. How to document the procedures and responsibilities to keep that history
 - i. Set up a shared drive with all SBOB addresses to hold all documents and history
 - 1. Julie Paterson & Micah Ewing will coordinate
 - ii. Get a list of all addresses from Carrie to set

9. Next Meeting: 10/17 at Greene School Band room and music wing

10. Adjourn 9:02 pm